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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Hong Liu	1624

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 May 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 10-23,30-35 and 37-41 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 10-23,30-35 and 37-40 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 41 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ .
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) <u>10</u> .	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 10-23, 30-35, and 37-41 are pending in this application.

This action is in response to the applicants' amendment and reply filed on May 8, 2003.

Response to Arguments

Applicants' arguments and amendments filed on May 8, 2003 have been fully considered but the amended claims are not free of prior art.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 10 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tanaka et al., Chem Abstract 128: 88793. The instantly claimed compounds read on the reference compound, see the enclosed copy of CAPLUS computer search report and the compound having RN 185206-37-5, i.e., R3 is methyl, R1 is substituted alkenyl.

Claims 10 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Latham et al., Chem Abstract 127: 205460. The instantly claimed compounds read on the reference compound, see the enclosed copy of CAPLUS computer search report and the compound having RN 183989-99-3, i.e., R3 is COOR7, R1 is substituted alkyl.

Claims 10 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bradbury et al., Chem Abstract 117: 212398. The instantly claimed compounds read on the reference compound, see the enclosed copy of CAPLUS computer search report and the compound having RN 135016-07-8, i.e., R3 is hydrogen, R1 is alkyl.

A copy of the above-mentioned references has been faxed to applicants' attorney.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C., 112, first paragraph, is hereby withdrawn in view of applicant's amendments and arguments.

Claims 10-23, 30-35, and 37-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The following reasons apply:

- 1). In claim 15, part of the formula is missing.
- 2). In claims 10-23, the term "including" is open-ended. The metes and bounds of the term are unknown and the claims are thus indefinite.
- 3). Claims 30-35 and 37-40 are of indeterminate scope for more than one reason. First, no one particular disorder is recited. Second, the claim language may read on diseases not yet fully understood to be affected by inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase antagonists.

The remaining rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are hereby withdrawn in view of the amendments and arguments.

Claim Objections

Claim 41 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

1. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Hong Liu whose telephone number is (703) 306-5814. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by the phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached at (703) 308-4716. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 308-4734 for "unofficial" purposes and the actual number for official business is (703) 308-4556. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose number is (703) 308-1235.

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